



# PATROL OFFICER

Patrol officers are the backbone of the police department, responding to a wide variety of calls for service to render aid and protect the people in the communities they serve.

Patrol members — often the first responders to a call for help — are assigned to one of 55 Police Service Areas within the seven police districts. Officers get to know their beats and the people who live and work in them, typically working with a partner. While most patrol members use marked police cruisers, others make use of bicycles, Segways, or motor scooters. Some even patrol their beats on foot as part of a “Full Stride” unit.

*Officer J. Coleman  
First District*



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